

Delaware State Employees and their Family Members Awarded Honors for the National Arts Program



STATE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AWARDED HONORS FOR THE NATIONAL ARTS PROGRAM®: DELAWARE STATE EMPLOYEE ART EXHIBITION



Twenty-eight talented state employees and their family members were recognized for their art work featured in the fifth annual, *National Arts Program®: Delaware State Employee Art Exhibition*. The reception and awards ceremony was held at the Delaware State University Arts Center/Gallery on Saturday, March 12, and featured speakers including, Chief Deputy Secretary of State, Richard J. Geisenberger and Delaware Division of the Arts Deputy Director, Kristin Pleasanton.

“This program provides state employees and their family members with an opportunity to show a side that we don’t normally see in the workplace. It clearly demonstrates the range of talented individuals who are working for the state of Delaware,” said Chief Deputy Secretary Geisenberger. “We’re proud to be able to support and recognize the artistic accomplishments of these employees and their families.”

Twenty-eight awards were given out in five categories – Professional, Intermediate, Amateur, Teen (13-18 years old), and Youth (12 years and under), People’s Choice Award (calculated by most number of “likes” on Facebook), culminating in one Best in Show. Seventeen cash prizes totaling \$2,600 and 10 Honorable Mention ribbons were awarded. Below is a list of all award winners who were recognized at the reception and awards ceremony.

Images of the [artwork](#) and [reception & awards ceremony](#) can be found on Flickr.

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2016 National Arts Program Award Winners

Best of Show: Luis Rios Fontanez, Dover

People’s Choice Award: Lindsay Mical, Middletown

Arts Education Award: Christopher Volkomer, Frederica

Professional:

1st Place: Derek Carlson, Dover

2nd Place: Shawn Faust, Bear

3rd Place: Jason Weaver, Middletown

Honorable Mentions: Mark Blome, West Grove, PA & William Cox, Wyoming

Intermediate:

1st Place: Alexandra Duprey, Wilmington

2nd Place: Bethany Krumrine, Magnolia

3rd Place: Brian Protack, Greenwood

Honorable Mentions: Melanie Ferrin, Hartly & Leslie Snowdon-Jones, Lewes

Amateur:

1st Place: Nancy E. Cooper, Newark

2nd Place: Dominick Giroso, Felton

3rd Place: Allison Banbury, Perryville, MD

Honorable Mentions: Elizabeth Lucas, Middletown & Gary Piel, Ocean View

Teen (13-18 years old):

1st Place: Alethia Hicks, age 17, Bear

2nd Place: Samantha Greim, age 18, Smyrna

3rd Place: Luana Spalluto, age 15, Dover

Honorable Mentions: Wyatt McMullen, age 13, Middletown &

Maylene Ferrin, age 16, Hartly

Youth (12 years and under):

1st Place: Jason Klein, age 10, Landenburg, PA

2nd Place: Weston Williams, age 11, Felton

3rd Place: Brooke Boileau, age 11, Middletown

Honorable Mentions: Sydne Jenkins, age 12, Magnolia & Maxwell Ferrell, age 6, Wilmington

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About the Delaware Division of the Arts

The [Delaware Division of the Arts](#) is an agency of the State of Delaware. Together with its advisory body, the Delaware State Arts Council, the Division administers grants and programs that support arts programming, educate the public, increase awareness of the arts, and integrate the arts into all facets of Delaware life. Funding for Division programs is provided by annual appropriations from the Delaware General Assembly and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. For more information about the Delaware Division of the Arts, visit artsdel.org or call 302-577-8278.

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